

**RULE IMPACT STATEMENT FOR PERMANENT RULES**

**TITLE 810. OKLAHOMA WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION  
CHAPTER 10. PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE**

**A. Brief description of the purpose of the rules:**

The amendments to 810:10-1-3 provide a definition for “Electronic equivalent” to reflect the addition of electronic filing methods under the mandatory implementation of the Commission’s Electronic Database Interchange System and correct a grammatical error and a citation error.

The amendment to 810:10-1-9 adds the ability for attorneys to provide an email address to receive electronic docket notices and orders, which again reflects the addition of electronic filing methods under the mandatory implementation of the Commission’s Electronic Database Interchange System.

The amendment to 810:10-5-2 adds references regarding the ability to file certain forms through an electronic equivalent and removes the requirement to file in quadruplicate, which reflects the addition of electronic filing methods under the mandatory implementation of the Commission’s Electronic Database Interchange System.

The amendment to 810:10-5-3 adds references regarding the ability to file certain forms through an electronic equivalent.

The amendment to 810:10-5-7 reflects changes made by HB 2367 to 85A O.S. § 7 which provides that the Commission retains exclusive jurisdiction to hear and decide claims related to employer discrimination or retaliation stemming from injuries occurring on or between February 1, 2014 and May 27, 2019.

The amendment to 810:10-5-15 adds references regarding the ability to file certain forms through an electronic equivalent.

The amendment to 810:10-5-16 adds references regarding the ability to file certain forms through an electronic equivalent.

The amendment to 810:10-5-17 adds references regarding the ability to file certain forms through an electronic equivalent.

The amendment to 810:10-5-18 modifies the language regarding a Commission Vice Chair, and changes it to “an available Commissioner,” since there is no designated Vice Chair at the Commission.

The amendment to 810:10-5-30 adds a reference regarding the ability to file certain forms through an electronic equivalent.

The amendment to 810:10-5-49 updates language regarding the retention and disposition of exhibits, since they are part of the record, and judges do not maintain a separate list.

The amendment to 810:10-5-66 provides procedure for when a party fails to appear at oral argument before the Commission, without leave of the Commission.

The amendment to 810:10-5-95 adds a reference regarding the ability to file certain forms through an electronic equivalent.

The amendment to 810:10-5-105 reflects changes made by HB 2367 to the payment of fees.

**B. Description of classes of persons who will be affected by the proposed rules:**

The classes of persons to be affected by the proposed rules are workers' compensation system participants, including employers, insurance carriers, and third party administrators who are subject to the Administrative Workers' Compensation Act, in addition to individuals who request records from the Workers' Compensation Commission.

**C. Description of the classes of persons who will benefit from the proposed rules:**

The classes of persons who will benefit are employees, employers, self-insured entities, third-party administrators, insurance carriers and agents, and public records requestors.

**D. Description of the probable economic impact of the proposed rules:**

No economic impact is anticipated.

**E. Description of probable costs and benefits to the agency:**

There are no probable costs associated with implementing these amendments. The proposed rules would benefit the Commission and workers' compensation system participants by clarifying existing rules and establishing procedures to implement recently enacted statutory directives.

**F. Determination of economic impact on political subdivisions:**

The proposed rules will not have an economic impact on political subdivisions or require their cooperation in implementing or enforcing the rules.

**G. Determination of adverse economic impact on small business:**

The proposed rules will not have an adverse effect on small businesses as provided by the Oklahoma Small Business Regulatory Flexibility Act.

**H. Explanation of measures to minimize compliance costs:**

The proposed rules will not increase compliance costs. There are no less costly or non-regulatory methods or less intrusive methods.

**I. Determination of effect on public health, safety and environment:**

There will be no effect on the public health, safety, or the environment.

**J. Determination of any detrimental effect on public health, safety and environment:**  
There is no detrimental effect on the public health, safety, or the environment from the non-implementation of these rules.

**K. Date of Impact Statement Preparation:** February 4, 2020.